GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Rural Development Department – The Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Rules, 2004 – Amendment - Notification – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.2 Date:06.01.2022

Read the following:

1. The Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Act, 2002.
2. G.O. Ms.No.339, PR&RD (RD.IV)Dept., dt:06.11.2004.
3. Proposals of the Director, Mines & Geology received through e-file No.INC01-MG0ACTS/18/2020-M-III.

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ORDER:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh have enacted the Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Act, 2002 (Act No. 10 of 2002) to promote water conservation and tree cover and regulate the exploitation and use of ground and surface water for protection and conservation of water sources, land and environment and matters connected therewith.

2. In the G.O second read above, the Government have issued the Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Rules, 2004 for implementation of the Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Act, 2002.

3. The Director, Mines & Geology, vide reference 3rd read above, has submitted proposal for amendment to sub-rule (1) of Rule 23 of the Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Rules, 2004 for improvement of new Sand Policy 2020 in the interest of sustainable sand mining, compliance to environmental regulations, ensuring affordable prices of sand and raising valuable public revenues to the State exchequer.

4. The Andhra Pradesh State Water, Land and Trees Authority constituted under the provisions of Act, have met on 04.01.2021 and 21.09.2021 and after detailed discussions, the authority have approved the proposal to amend the Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Rules, 2004 for insertion of the following new provision,-

> *"23(1)(aa) Commercial exploitation of sand shall be allowed from the areas having estimated sand deposit more than 5000 Cum.*
>
> *Provided that such commercial exploitation shall be in accordance with the procedure laid down under the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 from time to time."*

5. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an Extraordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette Dated:07.01.2022.

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 45 read with section 27 of the Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Act, 2002 (Act No.10 of 2002), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Water, Land and Trees Rules, 2004 issued in G.O.Ms.No.339, PR&RD (RD.IV) Department, dt:06.11.2004 as subsequently amended.

AMENDMENT

After clause (a) of sub-rule (1) of rule 23 of the said Rules, the following shall be inserted, namely,-

"(aa). Commercial exploitation of sand shall be allowed from the areas having estimated sand deposit more than 5000 Cum.

Provided that such commercial exploitation shall be in accordance with the procedure laid down under the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 from time to time."

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase Dept., AP, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, AP, Tadepalli, Guntur.
The Director, Mines & Geology, A.P. Vijayawada.
All the Collectors and District Magistrates in the State.
The Director, Ground Water & Water Audit Department, AP, Vijayawada.
All the Project Directors, DWMAs and Addl. District Programme Coordinators of MGNREGS in the State.
All the Project Officers, ITDA and Additional District Programme Coordinators in the State.
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